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T&J Mobile Home Park
6343 Road 200, Space 34
Orland, CA 95963


Attention: Timothy Martin, Manager

**Subject: Public Water System No. 1100436 – Citation No. 21-14C-001 for January 2014,
Exceedance of the Bacteriological Maximum Contaminant Level**

Enclosed is a citation issued to the T&J Mobile Home Park (Park). The citation is being issued because the Park failed to comply with the drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria during January 2014. Please be aware that the Directives section of the citation contains required actions that must be taken by the Park.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for our Department to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation to that system. In accordance with Section 116577, the Park will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation. Our current costs are approximately \$126 per hour. **We need to discuss with you the unacceptable circumstances in which this failure occurred.**

At your earliest convenience, please call staff engineer Ray Bruun at (530) 224-3252 or me at (530) 224-4800.


Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.
Valley District Engineer
DRINKING WATER FIELD
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosures

cc: Glenn County Environmental Health Department

1 **Citation No. 21-14C-001**

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3 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

5 **Public Water System:** T&J Mobile Home Park

6 **Water System No.:** 1100436

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8 **To:** T&J Mobile Home Park
9 Attn: Timothy Martin, Manager
10 6343 Road 200, Space 34
11 Orland, CA 95963
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13 **Issued:** February 12, 2014
14 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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16 **CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**
17 **With Title 22 California Code of Regulations**
18 **Section 64426.1(b)**
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20 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the
21 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe
22 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with
23 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.
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25 The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the California
26 Department of Public Health (Department) hereby issues a citation to T&J Mobile
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Home Park (Park) for failure to comply with Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.

(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

1 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed
2 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation
3 occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A
4 separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

5 Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:
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7 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL
8 [maximum contaminant level] when any of the following
9 occurs:
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11 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40
12 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the
13 samples collected during any month are total coliform-
14 positive; or
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16 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40
17 samples per month, more than one sample collected
18 during any month is total coliform-positive; or
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20 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-
21 positive; or
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23 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive
24 or E. coli-positive routine sample is total coliform-
25 positive.
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STATEMENT OF FACTS

1 The T&J Mobile Home Park (Park) domestic water system is classified as a
2 community water system serving approximately 150 year-round residents through 83
3 service connections. As such, the Park is required to collect one routine
4 bacteriological sample per month according to Section 64423 of Title 22. On January
5 10, 2013, the Park collected one routine sample from the distribution system; it
6 contained total coliform bacteria. On January 14, 2014, four repeat samples were
7 collected from the distribution system; all of which contained total coliform bacteria. It
8 was determined in subsequent testing by the Department that well 1 had been
9 recently commissioned and was the source of the contamination. The operator was
10 unaware that well 2 had been turned off. On January 27, 2014, well 1 was super
11 chlorinated and then flushed a day or two later. On January 30, 2014, a sample
12 collected from well 2 was found to be absent for coliform bacteria. None of the
13 samples that contained total coliform bacteria tested positive for E. coli.
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DETERMINATIONS

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16 The Department has determined that the Park violated Section 64426.1(b)(2), Title
17 22, of the CCR, in that the Park exceeded the total coliform MCL during the month of
18 January 2014.
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DIRECTIVES

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21 The Park is hereby directed to take the following actions:
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24 1. Comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring
25 periods.
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1 2. **Within 30 days** of the issuance of this Citation, notify all persons served by
2 the District of the MCL violation as required by Section 64463.4 and Section
3 64465, Title 22, of the CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance with
4 each of the following:

5 a. Mail or direct delivery of the notice contained in Attachment 'A' to each
6 customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking
7 water to others (e.g., schools or school systems, apartment building
8 owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to
9 which water is delivered by the Park.

10 b. Provide the notice contained in Attachment 'A' to customers using one
11 or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be
12 reached by a public posting:

- 13 i. Publication in a local newspaper,
14 ii. Posting in conspicuous public places within the service area,
15 iii. Posting on the Internet, or
16 iv. Delivery to community organizations.

17 Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall be not be made
18 unless approved by the Department.
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20 3. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public
21 Notification" form **within 10 days** of giving public notice. A copy of the notice
22 used to provide public notification shall be attached to the form.
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1 4. Cease adding chlorine to the system's wells, and changing which well
2 operates without direct approval and oversight of the certified operator.

3 All documents required by this Citation to be submitted to the Department shall be
4 submitted to the following address:

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6 Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.
7 Valley District Engineer
8 Drinking Water Field Operations
9 Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management
10 Department of Public Health
11 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101
12 Redding, CA 96002
13 (530) 224-4800
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15 Nothing in this Citation relieves the Park of its obligation to meet the requirements of
16 Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking
17 Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted
18 thereunder.

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20 The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it
21 may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
22 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.
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24 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

25 Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, (commencing with section 116270) of the California
26 Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to: issue additional citations with
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assessment of penalties if the Park continues to fail to correct a violation identified in a citation; take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with orders of the Department; and petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with orders of the Department. The Department does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Park, its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the District shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.


 Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer
 Valley District
 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

2/12/14
 Date February 12, 2014

Attachments:

- 'A' Public Notification Template
- 'B' Certification of Completion



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

T&J Mobile Home Park Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took five (5) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during January 2014. All the samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may do so.

Subsequent investigation showed that well No. 1 was the source of the bacteriological contamination. The well was disinfected and tested for bacteria. None were found.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

We believe coliform bacteria detected in January 2014 were present due to contamination of well No. 1. The well was disinfected, then tested for coliform bacteria. None were detected. For more information, please contact the manager, Timothy Martin at (530) 865-8890 or at Space 34.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the T&J Mobile Home Park Water System.

State Water System ID#: 1100436. Date distributed: _____.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This form when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by the California Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. Completing public notification and providing the Department with certification is important. Failure to do so will result in additional hourly time charges to your water utility and may result in a formal enforcement action with monetary penalties.

Public Water System Name T&J Mobile Home Park

Public Water System No. 1100436

Public notification for the January 2014 bacteriological failure was performed by the following method(s):

(CHECK AND COMPLETE ONLY THOSE THAT APPLY)

☐ The notice was published in the local newspaper on _____. A copy of the newspaper notice is attached.

☐ The notice was mailed to users on _____. A copy of the notice is attached.

☐ The notice hand delivered to water customers on _____. A copy of the notice is attached.

☐ The attached notice was posted in the following conspicuous places:

For this method, provide the date (or dates) that the notice was posted _____.

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Printed Name

Signature

Date